

A Communication—and a Correction from Dr. Ford
[On page 1 of the last issue Dr. William J. Ford, who contributed A NOTE ON HANS CASTORP, was referred to as "an active practicing psychiatrist." Dr. Ford wrote on October 9 as follows.]

For the News Letter readers: I am not and have never been a psychiatrist but I am a qualified "INTERNIST," that is a specialist in medicine as opposed to surgery, and a member of the American College of Physicians as well as more regional societies for specialists who are variously called "heart men," "diagnosticians."

In recent years it has been felt that Internists should know more about psychiatry, and from this knowledge of organic medicine and psychiatric medicine it has been hoped that a new understanding of human nature, sick and well, would arise. This is, of course called Psychosomatic Medicine.

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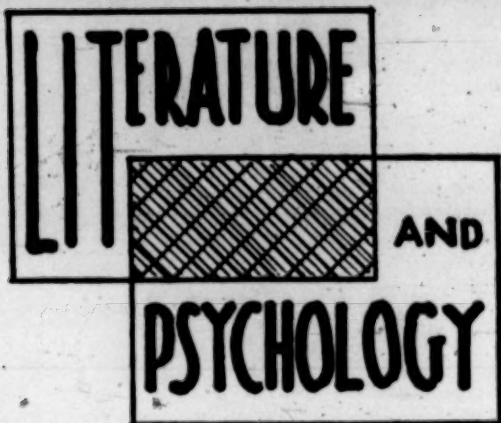
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Last-Minute Items

A Conference on "The Modern Writer and Natural Science" has been scheduled at Boston for Saturday evening, December 27th, from 8:00 to 10:30 P. M., under the chairmanship of Professor Norbert Fuerst of the Department of German, Indiana University. Your Editor has been asked to "formulate in a statement of c. 5 minutes" a "topic, somehow related to the above theme." Attendance at this Conference would be of great aid in bringing together our special synthesis of literature and science with the more general study of interrelationships between the two great areas of learning.

The New York Psychoanalytic Institute has established a School of Applied Psychoanalysis, designed for students "who have had graduate training in the social sciences and the humanities or who have shown ability in these fields." Of particular interest to our members (in addition to the indispensable basic courses in theory) would be the study of fiction through the novels of F. Scott Fitzgerald (beginning in March), of poetry through the works of A. E. Housman (beginning in February), and the symposium on "Analytic Contributions to the Understanding of Art and Literature," a course which is now under way. Your Editor has a number of copies of the School's prospectus. Additional information may be obtained from the Society's office at 247 East 82nd Street, New York 28. (We should be glad to hear of similar offerings in other parts of the country.)



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